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**\$10.6 Million Emergency Beach Renourishment Project
to start during the September-October 2017 Time Frame**

North Myrtle Beach, SC – July 5, 2017 – A \$10.6 million emergency U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beach renourishment project is scheduled to begin during the September/October 2017 time frame in the city of North Myrtle Beach. The city of North Myrtle Beach will not have to pay for the emergency project.

400,000 cubic yards of material will be placed on areas of the beach that do not have adequate dune protection. The emergency project was designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers using U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidelines.

Once the emergency beach renourishment project has concluded, the city of North Myrtle Beach will contract to have about 50,000 cubic yards of sand delivered to create dunes eliminated or severely eroded during Hurricane Matthew. The city is currently in the permitting phase of this dune replacement project. The city will pay about \$1 million for this project.

"We are very grateful that this emergency beach renourishment project will soon bring much needed sand to sections of our beach that were severely eroded during Hurricane Matthew," said North Myrtle Beach Mayor Marilyn Hatley. "We have so many people to thank, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, our City Council, our federal and state legislative delegations, our city staff, and others, who came together to work to bring this \$10.6 million emergency project to fruition at no cost to the city."

The North Myrtle Beach project is part of the larger Myrtle Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District, recently awarded a \$26.3 million contract for the Myrtle Beach Storm Damage Reduction Project to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, LLC, which will place a total of about 1.2 million cubic yards of material on North Myrtle Beach and Garden City and Surfside Beaches. This overall project is funded through federal emergency beach rehabilitation funding from Hurricane Matthew, along with cost-shared construction funding appropriated through Congress.

The construction will begin near the Surfside Beach Pier no earlier than July 15th and continue north toward Myrtle Beach State Park. This will take 25-35 days barring any significant weather or mechanical delays. After that section is complete, renourishment will then move south from the Surfside Beach Pier toward the southern project boundary in Georgetown County. This section will take about 30-35 days and should be complete by mid-September. The Corps will be placing approximately 800,000 cubic yards of material on approximately 7.5 miles of Garden City and Surfside Beaches.

The project will then move to the city of North Myrtle Beach.